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1. On 26 November President Peron conferred at length in the Casa Rosada with Aurelio Bracco, Rodolfo Puiggros, Angel Cairo and Pedro Valla, leaders of a dissident faction of the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA). The group, now functioning as the Movimiento Pro Congreso Extraordinario del Partido Comunista had requested the conference to solicit Peron's intervention in the case of some lumber industry workers detained on a technicality of the Ley de Residencia (residence law).
2. When Peron showed an interest in the movement, Puiggros explained how it had broken with the CPA. He pointed out that the movement desires to co-operate with Peronismo and that its fundamental objectives are similar to those of the current regime. Peron was especially interested in knowing how much influence Ghioldi and Codovilla have in the Communist labor groups.
3. At the conclusion of the interview, Peron congratulated the men on their views and encouraged them to continue their activities in the field of labor. He stated, "I am Catholic, Argentine, democratic, and anti-imperialist. You understand our differences and our points of mutual interest; we shall develop the latter."
4. The President promised his support in the case of the lumber workers.

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